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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
VIRGIN MOBILE USA, L.P.'S BRANDED  
"ASSURANCE WIRELESS BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY VIRGIN MOBILE" FOR DESIGNATION AS  
A WIRELESS ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE  
STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. T-20827A-11-0461

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**  
**GRANTING INTERVENTION**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On December 22, 2011, Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s branded "Assurance Wireless brought to you by Virgin Mobile" ("Virgin Mobile"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") to provide prepaid wireless services, supported by the Universal Service Fund's ("USF") Lifeline program, in the State of Arizona.

On March 9, 2012, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-105, the Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association ("ALECA") filed a Motion to Intervene in the above-captioned matter ("Motion"). The Motion states that ALECA is comprised of small telephone companies and member-owned cooperatives, all of which are providing local exchange telecommunications services to customers in rural, high-cost areas of Arizona, and all of which are "rural telephone companies" as defined by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.<sup>1</sup> ALECA's Motion states that its members receive support from the USF and each provides discounted Lifeline telephone services. Further, ALECA states that Virgin Mobile's request for designation as an ETC may raise jurisdictional issues regarding the provision of services on tribal lands.

<sup>1</sup> ALECA'S members are: Fort Mojave Telephone Company; Frontier Communications Corporation; Gila River Telecommunications, Inc; Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.; Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.; San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility, Inc.; South Central Communications; Table Top Telephone Company, Inc; TDS; Tohono O'odham Utility Authority; Valley Telephone Cooperative; and Zona Communications.

1 No objections to ALECA's Motion have been filed. Accordingly, the Motion should be granted.

2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ALECA is granted intervention in this matter.

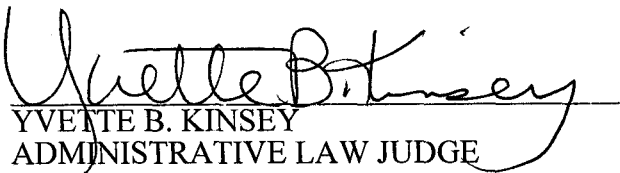
3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized  
4 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's  
5 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules  
7 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance  
9 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona  
10 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation to appear at  
11 all hearings, procedural conferences, and Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for  
12 discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative  
13 Law Judge or Commission.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive  
15 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

16 Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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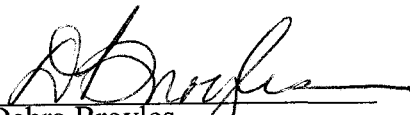
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